

REMARKS

The allowability of claims 6, 18, 20, 22 and 24 is acknowledged appreciatively.

However, the rejection of the other claims under 35 USC 103 for obviousness from a combination of the cited Federson and Federson, et al. references is traversed, because neither the applicant nor even the Action finds therein the passive voltage dependent resistor of the claimed clamping element. Claim 1 concludes with:

said clamping element comprising at least one passive voltage-dependent resistor element (291, 292, 293, 294) for providing a clamping voltage over the rotor windings.

The Action finds in the Federson reference a resistor element that can be controlled, but page 9, lines 23ff, of the specification describes why the different, claimed passive voltage dependent resistor is "especially advantageous." Such special advantage is neither disclosed nor suggested in the cited references taken alone or together.

The Action asks what makes a resistor passive, but a passive resistor is not claimed. Instead, the claimed resistor is voltage dependent "... so that the voltage will not be a purely linear function ...," as described at page 9, lines 2ff, of the specification. The resistor in the prior art may be passive, but it is neither described nor suggested to be voltage dependent, as claimed.

The Action suggests that the claims are not specific enough to define a passive resistor, which is true, as above, because only a passive voltage dependent resistor is claimed.

There is, however, yet another difficulty. The specification, where the applicant may be his own lexicographer (see, *MPEP* 2106 C), and not the claims define the terms. As to this, examples of passive voltage dependent resistors are given in the specification from page 9, line 27, to page 10, line 14. Moreover, passive voltage dependent resistors are known to

those in the art where the attached page from Google discloses them first and, interestingly, finds the claimed invention second.

Reconsideration and allowance are, therefore, requested.

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